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Work Piece

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**AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner  
For Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

January 24, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 24, 2001, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, before the paragraph beginning on line 4, insert the following heading.

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--.

Page 1, before the paragraph beginning on line 35, insert the following  
heading.

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.

Page 1, <sup>NE</sup> amend the paragraph beginning on line 35 to read as follows.